

Rico or the Virgin Islands of the United States of sweetpotatoes which the Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs may authorize under permit or certificate to such northern ports of the United States as he may designate in such permit or certificate, conditioned upon the fumigation of such sweetpotatoes under the supervision of an inspector of said Programs either in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands of the United States or at the designated port of arrival, in a manner approved by the said Deputy Administrator; nor prohibit the movement from Hawaii of sweetpotatoes which the Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs may authorize under permit or certificate to such ports of the United States as he may designate in such permit or certificate, conditioned upon the irradiation of such sweetpotatoes in accordance with §318.13-4f or upon the fumigation of such sweetpotatoes in Hawaii under the supervision of an inspector of said Programs, in a manner approved by the said Deputy Administrator: *Provided, further,* That whenever the Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs shall find that facts exist as to pest risk involved in the movement of sweetpotatoes or any classification thereof to which this subpart applies, making it safe to modify, by making less stringent, the requirements contained therein, he shall set forth and publish such finding in administrative instructions specifying the manner in which the subpart should be made less stringent, whereupon such modification shall become effective.

(d) As used in this section, the term *State, Territory, or District of the United States* means "Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, or the continental United States."

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§ 318.30a Administrative instructions authorizing movement from Puerto Rico of certain sweetpotatoes grown under specified conditions.

The Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs hereby finds that facts exist as to the pest risk involved in the movement of sweetpotatoes to which §318.30 applies, making it safe to modify by making less stringent the requirements of §318.30 with respect to washed sweetpotatoes graded by inspectors of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in accordance with Puerto Rican standards which do not provide a tolerance for insect infestation or evidence of insect injury and found by such inspectors to comply with such standards. Hereafter, in addition to movement authorized under §318.30(c), such sweetpotatoes will be eligible for inspection by a Branch inspector to determine whether they are free of the sweetpotato scarabee (*Euscepes postfasciatus* Fairm.) and for certification for movement from Puerto Rico to Baltimore, Maryland, and Atlantic Coast ports north thereof if found free of such insect, provided the sweetpotatoes are certified by an inspector of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as having been so washed and graded and as having been grown in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) Fields in which the sweetpotatoes have been grown shall have been given a preplanting treatment with an approved soil insecticide.

(b) Before planting in such treated fields, the sweetpotato draws and vine cuttings shall have been dipped in an approved insecticidal solution.

(c) During the growing season an approved insecticide shall have been applied to the vines at prescribed intervals.

The sweetpotatoes shall be inspected by an inspector of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs prior to shipment from Puerto Rico.